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Applicant thanks the Examiner for his comments in the Interview Summary of June 23 and 26, July 9 and 11, and August 14 and 15, 2003. Having reviewed the Examiner's comments, Applicant herewith submits a Supplemental Amendment with amendments to claims 17-18, 26-29, and 34-35 which should place the application into condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant notes that the amendments to independent 17-18 and 34-35 directed to "long sides of said contact holes" are based upon the written description in the specification (e.g., see page 6, lines 23-25 and page 7, lines 12-25) and on Fig. 5.

Applicant further notes that the amendments to claims 28-29 to change "*another set of contact holes*" to "*a set of light shield holes*", are based upon the written description of "[t]he contact holes 6 may be formed at any positions....it is preferable that they are near to the source region and the drain region in order to enhance the light shielding performance" (e.g., see page 16, lines 3-7 of the Specification).

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 17-35, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above

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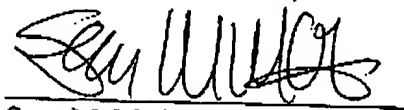
application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that I am filing this Amendment by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Examiner Andrew Schechter, Group Art Unit 2871 at fax number (703) 746-4711 this 18th day of August, 2003.



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